

Bnai Shalom Bulletin

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SERVICES

Shabbat Evening Services – Friday,
7:30 p.m., August 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29

Shabbat Morning Services – Saturday,
10:00 a.m., August 2 and 16

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Ritual Meeting – Tuesday, August 12, at
7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – Wednesday, August 20
at 7:00 p.m.

UPCOMING CLASSES

Introduction to Hebrew – Monday,
August 11, 18, and 25, at 8:00 p.m. via
Zoom (see page 5 for details)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Book Club – Sunday, August 3, at
10:30 a.m. (see page 10 for details)

Bingo – Sunday, August 3, at 1:00 p.m.
Doors open at 12:00 p.m.
(see page 10 for details)

Knitting Club – Wednesday, August 20,
at 10:30 a.m.

Coffee and Conversation with the Rabbi –
Wednesday, August 20, at 3:00 p.m.

Dinner with the Rabbi – Friday,
September 5, at 6:00 p.m. (see page 12
for details)



A Word From Rabbi Adrienne

Shalom to my Bnai Shalom family!

L'dor Vador: from generation to generation. One of our most enduring and meaningful customs is to link ourselves with past generations by observing the Yahrzeit (anniversary of death) of a loved one. According to the Kabbalists, on a person's Yahrzeit, all spiritual achievements, good deeds, positive thoughts and kind words of their life radiate forth into the world. It is little wonder that we mark this day each year, whether in the Hebrew calendar or the English calendar.

There are many rituals associated with observing a Yahrzeit. As the Yahrzeit begins we light a Yahrzeit candle that will remain lit for the full 24-hour period. We go to services and say *Kaddish Yatom*, the Mourner's Kaddish. Some visit the cemetery, some study Mishnah (part of the Talmud), and some fast for the day. Many give *tzedakah* (charity), often to a synagogue, to honor the memory of the person who has passed.

Here at Congregation Bnai Shalom, we do not have a daily minyan service at which our members say Kaddish. Instead, we read a Yahrzeit list on Shabbat. For centuries, it has been customary to begin saying Kaddish at the Shabbat evening service of the Shabbat immediately prior to the Yahrzeit and we are now aligning with that *minhag* (custom). You will continue to receive a reminder letter from Bnai Shalom when you have a Yahrzeit in the following month and it will be listed in our Bulletin. About one week prior to the Yahrzeit, a member of our Membership Committee will call you to invite you to briefly share one or two memories of your loved one from the Bima at Friday night Shabbat services. It is always meaningful to learn about those whom we have lost, whether during the service or afterward at the Oneg.

Zichronam livracha. May the memories of all those who have touched our lives be for a blessing.

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